

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5076  
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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: SNAR  
SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIHUANA

REF: STATE 57902

1. LAWS OF SIERRA LEONE PROVIDE FOLLOWING PENALTIES FOR USE,  
POSSESSION OR TRAFFICKING OF ANY QUANTITY OF MARIHUANA:

A) ON CONVICITION IN THE SUPREME COURT, TO A FINE NOT EX-  
CEEDING LE 2000 (US DOLS 1750) OR TO IMPRISONMENT FOR A  
PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING TEN YEARS, WITH OR WITHOUT HARD LABOR,  
OR TO BOTH SUCH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT, OR,

B) ON SUMMARY CONVICTION, TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LE 500  
(US DOLS 450), OR TO IMPRISONMENT, WITH OR WITHOUT HARD LABOR,  
FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING TWELVE MONTHS, OR BOTH FINE AND  
IMPRISONMENT.

2. CASES INVOLVING MARIHUANA ARE NOT VERY FREQUENT IN SIERRA  
LEONE. USE SEEMS TO BE INCREASING, ESPECIALLY AMONG STUDENT  
AGE POPULATION.

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